PEN PICTURE OF VALLEY OF DEATH

Pacific Miner Eloquently Gives Some Idea of Famous Death Valley.

WEIRD STORIES OF HIDDEN TREASURES

No More Fascinating and Deso- UTAH RESOURCES late Region Exists on the Globe.

A recent issue of the Pacific Miner. published in San Francisco, contained an article on Death valley, which will give those who have not seen the valley some idea of its vast vastness. The article

Over the dead wastes of this almost Over the dead wastes of this almost foreign and abundoned region, beauty, silence and desolation forever hover. Every acre is a blighted Eden of missters and miture makes an alternate play of rearing cloudbursts and blistering winds. Now and again sand hills are piled like temples, only to be plowed into gorges and channels by torrential rains of not infrequent occurrence. infrequent occurrence.

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The elemental forces of heat and light, surshine and storm, have worked wonders and carved weird statuary in the canyons and dunes that here and there break the monotony of alkeline sands and virgin waters. Mirages and arsente springs fascinate and torture the weary traveler. Cities and fields, streams and groves melt in thin air. Crows walking in the white sands look like mounted warriors, and rocks are reflected in the funtastic air until they bear the appearance of temples of gold such as Columbus and his followers hoped to find beyond the mysterious lind, or in far Cathar. Tell after year man's curiosity leads him closer to the storehouses of wealth that are supposed to lie buried in and sround tits arid region. Stories of gold in the besis of sunken rivers, tales of cowbovs, who know where the winds now and these expose chimneys filled with nuggets, and the careers of spectacular enaracters who plunge into the heart of this nunken furnace, then emerge with the wealth of a Fortunatus—all these inflame the imagination and add to the haunting silence of the wonderful pit that is at once the most terrible and the most fascinating area on the globe.

Nature has located this guarded and forbidden spot in Inyo county. California, near the Newda line, and not far south from the Bulltrog mining district. The death of a number of emigrants who tried to cross the desert in 1849 gave the mysterious sink its grewsome name. Its width is 35 miles, its length 50, and on every acre are parening roads that lead down to the gates of death.

The United States Geological Survey recently found by spirit level measurements that the lowest depth of the valley is 276 feet. Its depression at Bennetts Well, 258 feet. As Mount Whitney is only 15 miles away, towering 14,500 feet into the clouds. Inyo county has the distinction of holding within her borders both the lowest and highest levels of dry sand in the United States. The great Salton Sink was formerly 10 feet lower

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Cement Production in This State More Important Than Most People Realize.

Usah has so many resources that are Still in their infancy, occasionally one is overlooked. The cement that is produced in this State is one of the industries seldom mentioned, and the following account of one of these concerns in the Mining World will prove of interest:

The Union Portland Cement company of Odgen, Utah, whose new mill is located at Devil's Slido, has a capacity of 2500 harrels per day, which can be doubled. Electric motor drive is used throughout the mill, alternating current machines heling employed in all cases except for the motors that drive the rotary cement kills.

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The plant is advantageously located on the main line of the Union Pacific railway, in a narrow canyon of a small mountain stream tributary to Weber river. A long high foothill from whose side the rock used in making the cement is taken, rises behind the plant. Tracks are laid in a bench cut along the hill-side from sixty to seventy-five feel above the canyon bottom. High lime rock is loaded into five-ton dump cars by means of a steam shovel, and brought to the tipple and crusher house.

This crusher house is fifty feet by eighty feet, and is on the steep hillside with one end considerably higher than the other. The tipple is placed in the uphill end of the building with the track on it at the level of the quarry tracks so that the cars can be shunted onto it readily. The hopper under the tipple feeds to a No. 8 style K Gates crusher, driven by an eighty-five horsepower motor. Two No. 6 style K Gates breakers, each motor-driven, and two Allis-Chainers style B thirty-six by sixteen crushing rolls, are provided below the No. 9 breaker.

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The output from the No. 6 machines is delivered to one or both of a pair of 400-ton proportioning bins. The rolls, driven by motors deliver to a bucket elevator which also discharges into the bins. By means of this arrangement provision is made to handle both kinds of rock through the crueller house and to proportion them before they are sent to the mill proper.

A concrete-lined tunnel, ten fact by ten feet in cross section, extends longitudinally under the row of bins and continues beyond the sud of the row to one end of a fifty four by 100 foot drier bouse. This drier house contains two six feet by sixty feet Allis-Chaimers rotary driers, each motor-driven from a set of gears. Stone is elevated from the tunnel to two 500-ton storage bins over the charging ends of the driers, one over each. The driers are fired by means of mechanical stokers, coal for which is delivered to a hopper at the side of the building from the tracks above.

The fine grinding machinery is in a building innet-reight feet by 100 feet.

now known as the Brigham Young oil spring.
Coal mines at Frontier, Diamondville, and Cumberland, in Uinta county, now produce about 2000 tons of coal a day, and some oil wells in this region farnish a small yield of oil. An extended report on this seuthwestern Wyonning field, by A. C. Veatch, of the United States Geological Survey, prepared especially with reference to the coal and oil, has just been published for free distribution as Professional Paper No. 55 of the Survey.

The area considered comprises the extreme southwestern corner of Wyoming, and a small portion of Urah. Mr. Veatch discusses the geology of the region, gives detailed descriptions and sections of the coal beds and analyses of the development of the oil field, including a list of wells drilled, well sections and other details. The report contains several excellent maps and many illustrations. One of the maps shows the Irrigation and irrigable lands of a part of the region, and a minor section relates to underground waisr.

The oil of this region is of very high grade and the areas in which it may probably be found are of large extent, as indicated on the mass accompanying the paper.

It is noted that the government is today the largest owner of lands in this region. In the two most important coal fields, which cover an area of 221,797 acres, the government holds 106,522 acres, and 75,032 acres were included in the Union Pacific grant. The area considered comprises the ex-

REPAIR DAMAGE AT RAYMOND-ILLINOIS

New Engine for Tintic Mine Where Serious Accident Occurred.

MANAGEMENT WILL BE ABLE TO SINK DEEPER

Hoisting Equipment Partly Wrecked When Water Wheel Busted.

Manager J. C. Sullivan has decided to purchase another engine for the Ray mond-Hillnois mine to take the place of the one which was so badly wrecked Chureday of last week, says the Epreka Reporter. The engine which wall be installed at once was purchased from the Gemini company. It is exactly the same kind of an engine as the one at the

wheel of the engine went to pieces the cage along with 2000 feet of cable dropped to the bottom of the mast. Parts of the wheel and the drum, or the biggest portion of it went straight up through the roaf of the shaft house and came down upon the dump. Pieces of casting were thrown in almost every direction and one large chunk was sent flying between the timbers of the gallows frame. Hind any of the larger pieces struck the gallows frame the timbers would have been cut in two like 24 many matches. The flow of water in the Raymond-lill tools is not neavy enough to do any damnois is not neary enough to do any dar-age while the changes and repairs a being made to the heisting equipment.

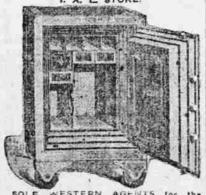
BIG DECREASE IN THE QUICKSILVER OUTPUT

The estimated total world production of guicksilver for 1907 was 26,976 flasks, which was the ameliest amount reported for a number of years, with the exception of 1905. Of this amount the United States produced 20,500 flasks, which was 5738 flasks less than in 1906.
One cause for the decrease is that the demand in China, for the manufacture of vermilion, has fallen off considerably. Another reason given is that there is an increasing tendency toward chemical methods for the extraction of gold at the expense of amalgamation.
California stands at the head of the list in production, with 17,915 flasks to its credit; 19,516 flasks were produced in that State in 1906, which shows a decrease of nearly 11 per cent. All States show a corresponding decrease.

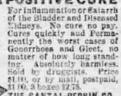
Several promising showings ef cinnabar have been discovered in Nevada, which will probably bring the production back to the old figures. In 1906 there were experted 6455 flasks and in 1907 but 5077 flasks—over 21 per cent decrease.



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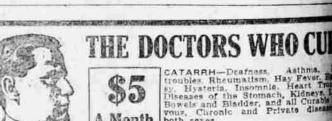
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